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Waste charges are blamed for a growth in fly tipping

By Matthew Brown

A BASINGSTOKE resident has branded charges for waste like rubble and plasterboard at a council controlled recycling centre as "outrageous" and fears it is encouraging fly-tipping.

Spencer Cleary, from Hatch Warren, voiced his concerns about the 'short-sighted' charges to leave soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos at the household waste recycling centre in Wade Road. The measures have been in place at the Hampshire County Council-operated site since October 2016.

He submitted a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council which showed there were 702 incidents of fly-tipped waste removed by council workers and 569 reports of fly-tipping by members of the public to the council in the first quarter of this year.

This compares to 2,352 reports of fly-tipping by the public and 2,147 incidents of fly-tipped rubbish removed in 2016/17. In 2015/16, the figures were 1,989 and 1,036 respectively.

Mr Cleary said he had been helping an elderly neighbour who had been having some work done in his house and had some plasterboard that he needed to get rid of.

At the tip, he was told that he would have to pay and decided to get rid of it in the ordinary waste collection. Mr Cleary said: "I thought 'this is wrong' and that's when I got the FOI.

"The numbers are quite startling – the reports of fly-tipping have increased year on year and the latest figures for quarter one show reports of fly-tipping are already 569, and if you times it by four you've got another increase.

"Bearing in mind, if you take in Christmas and things like that, these numbers are really going to spike because people are going to think 'what can we and what can't we take to the dump?'.

"I'm just really angry – it's encouraging people to do the wrong thing and that's what grates with me.

"When you think of Hampshire County Council, they're forcing the borough council to spend more money on clearing up the waste.

"I think it's just totally outrageous and very, very short-sighted that it'll end up costing more money than it saves."

Cabinet member for regulatory services and the environment, Hayley Eachus, said that the borough council has been working hard to improve the way they log incidents of fly-tipping to keep records accurate, and this 'has lead to what appears to be a recent rise in incidents, despite the amount of waste collected in the same period decreasing'.

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Inspirational Karl trains for mountain challenge

Intrepid, inspirational and courageous – just a few words that could be used to described blind Karl Greatorex who is training hard to scale Mount Snowdon. The 27-year-old from Popley is trekking up the third highest peak in the UK at 1,056 metres above sea level on September 12 in aid of Basingstoke charity Helping Hands for the Blind and Open Sight, which helped him when his sight condition deteriorated.
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Good Evans, CarFest's set to be a great event!

MORE than 50,000 people will be descending on the tranquil countryside around Overton this weekend for CarFest, an eclectic mix of music, cars, food and fun.

Big names such as Olly Murrs, Busted and Deacon Blue will be entertaining the crowds while the Red Arrows will perform their spectacular air display, before the event is rounded off with colourful firework display.

There will also be plenty of four-wheeled fun on the track sprint with the theme of 'Car Nations', celebrating the trendiest and fastest cars from across the world including Britain, USA, Japan, France, Germany and Italy.

There will also be 'Hot Wheels' stunt action including a self-donutting car, motorsport and F1 demonstrations along with the Sporting Bears Club showing off their stunning classic cars.

Chris Evans, pictured last year, will be heading up the fun at CarFest over the weekend

The world's largest custard pie fight is also taking place along with the lands of Jelly and Custard-Fest, where families can make sculptures from jelly and get messy with custard.

On the foodie scene, CarFest Kitchen will welcome Youtube star Joe Hurd, Ian Haste and Bake Off's Howard Middleton along with chefs Tom Kerridge and Angela Hartnett, who will all be cooking up a storm.

CarFest, which runs from Friday to Sunday, is the brainchild of BBC star Chris Evans and has raised £7.4million for Children in Need.

Driver 79 times over drug limit given three year ban

By Matthew Brown

A MAN who was found to be 79 times over the drug-drive limit on the M3 near Basingstoke in "one of the highest readings" Hampshire Police has ever seen has been given a three-year driving ban.

Lee Ainsworth, 34, of Lenten Street in Alton, who "showed total disregard for the lives of others", pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention and driving whilst unfit to drive through drugs at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on August 16.

The court heard how Ainsworth was driving a Ford Focus that collided into the back of a Jaguar on the M3, close to junction six for the Black Dam roundabout at around 3.45pm on April 28.

A passenger with Ainsworth in the Focus suffered a facial injury that required hospital treatment, while the male driver of the Jaguar and female passenger received minor injuries.

Toxicology tests revealed a product of cocaine in Ainsworth's system – benzoylecgonine – was 79 times over the legal amount for the substance. He was found to have 3,951mcg per litre of blood. The legal amount is 50mcg per litre.

As well as the three-year ban, Ainsworth received a 12-month community order, and was ordered to undertake 180 hours of unpaid work.

He will also have to pay £85 in costs and an £85 victim surcharge.

PC Christopher Pike, of Hampshire's Roads Policing Unit, said: "We were truly shocked when we received the test results.

"By getting behind the wheel that day, knowing how much he had taken, he showed total disregard for the lives of others and it is sheer luck that no one was seriously hurt or killed.

"No level of drink or drug driving is acceptable but this was on another scale to anything I have come across before and is one of the highest readings the force has seen."

PC Pike added: "We hope this case sends a strong message that we will continue to target those who keep on ignoring these laws.

"The laws are there to protect people's lives and drink or drug driving is not worth the risk.

"The consequences can be fatal."

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Speed crackdown

HAMPSHIRE: Speeding drivers are being warned about a Hampshire Police crackdown this week.

The aim of the operation is to enforce all speed limits and draw greater attention to the consequences of excessive or inappropriate speed as part of the European Traffic Police Network's speed enforcement campaign.

Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard said: "A few miles an hour over the speed limit or travelling at inappropriate speed can have catastrophic consequences upon road users and their families, many of whom also suffer lasting and profound consequences from collisions where a loved one has been killed or seriously injured.

"We are committed to increasing road safety and will continue to target those who fail to abide by the speed limit."

If a pedestrian is hit at 40mph, they only have a 10 per cent survival rate but at 30mph, it's 80 per cent.

In the Hampshire and Thames Valley region, exceeding the speed limit or travelling too fast for the conditions have been shown to be the cause of 20 per cent of all deaths, 12 per cent of serious injuries and 10 per cent of the total casualties.

Fun with jigsaws

ALTON: St Lawrence Church is hosting a Jigsaw festival that runs until Monday.

This is the fifth annual festival where you can see an ever-changing display of hundreds of jigsaws made up and laid out in the historic church.

Both modern and heritage puzzles, cardboard and wooden, will be on display.

It is running from 10am and 4pm, except on Sunday when it starts two hours later.

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Blind man takes on climb to thank charities for their help

Trek marks personal mountain

By Matthew Brown

AN INSPIRATIONAL blind Basingstoke man is to climb one of the highest peaks in the UK.

Karl Greatorex, from Popley, is to scale Mount Snowdon in Wales in a 3,560ft trek to the summit on September 12, to raise funds for Helping Hands for the Blind and Open Sight, to thank them for their help.

The 27-year-old said: "My left eye has been blind since birth and four year ago, my retina in my right eye detached and I had to have reconstructive surgery and in November of last year, it slipped again – causing me to lose my sight permanently.

"With that came a lot of depression and anxiety and it has caused me a lot of emotional pain and obviously being such a mountain to overcome, I'm finally able to able to say that I'm getting over it with the help of Helping Hands.

"I wanted to give back to the people that have helped me and what a better way than to put everything into perspective to battle my depression and anxiety, overcoming that mountain by literally overcoming a mountain."

The ex-John Hunt of Everest School and Queen Mary's College student will be accompanied on his Snowdon climb by good friend Chris Colombat, and the duo have been working hard in the gym in training and preparation.

Karl said: "I've been training down at Fitness First in Chineham getting myself into actual shape because I'd managed to put on a decent amount of weight because of the depression and anxiety.

"Before I found Helping Hands, I just kind of locked myself away because I didn't really feel like there was much I could do.

"It kind of opened my eyes, so to speak.

"The way I see it is that my detriment is turning in to an actual positive now as I'm aiming to inspire people that just because you have a disability, doesn't mean it is the end of the world because being told I couldn't work anymore and finding it so difficult to get out was traumatising."

He added: "I'm feeling absolutely wonderful, I'm excited and it's something I want to do and it's a personal journey for myself."

Visit localgiving.org/fundraising/snowgivingup to donate to Karl's trek.

Karl Greatorex wants to give back to the charities that helped him fight depression

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All fun of fete

KINGSCLERE: St Mary's Church Fete and Dog show will be held on on Monday from noon to 4pm.

Attractions include a coconut shy, bell tower tours, a tea room, barbecue, tombola plus children's crafts and plants.

Proceeds will go towards St Mary's Church.

Brush up Spanish

BASINGSTOKE: Say hola to Spanish drop-in sessions at the Discovery Centre.

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All are welcome to the drop-in that runs from noon, and is free. Call 01256 478670 for details.

Last call for Make

WHITCHURCH: The Whitchurch Silk Mill is holding its final Make and Take session of the summer holidays on Tuesday.

There will be lots of fun crafts to make and take home.

The session runs from 10.30am to noon although you can drop in between those times and the cost is £1 a child.

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Charges blamed for rise in fly tipping

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Cllr Eachus said every incident is thoroughly investigated, cases are being built that are hoped 'will result in successful prosecutions' and that 16 fixed penalty notices have been handed out since November.

Eleven interviews have been carried out under caution since the start of the year and 13 warning notices handed out.

A Hampshire County Council spokesperson said charges for certain items were brought in 'as a way of being fair to all of Hampshire's council taxpayers' to keep all of the county's tips open 'at a time of severe financial reductions in Government grant'.

They also said that residents had made it clear that they would prefer small charges to closures and that costs have been set to 'only cover the cost of handling and disposing', pointing out that 'no local authority has any legal obligation to accept non-household waste material'.

The spokesman continued: "As regards to the detail in Basingstoke and Deane's FOI response, items such as white goods and green waste can still be taken to a HWRC free of charge.

"We now offer a service for small companies to dispose of commercial waste at the HWRC as part of work to reduce fly-tipping. Many of the items reported are items that have never been accepted at HWRCs, such as tyres, and until recently, commercial waste."

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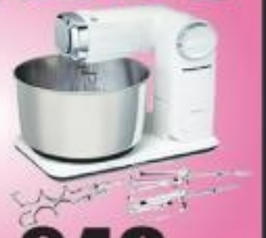

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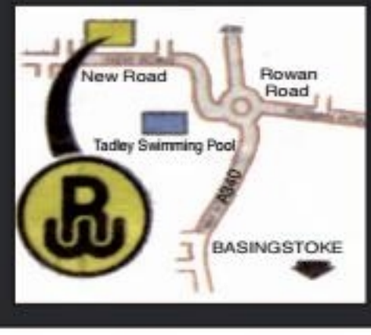

Luke's lemonade sale goes down a treat

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL Oakley youngster set up a lemonade stand for charity outside the family home.

Eight-year-old Luke Gosden came up with the idea to raise money for Naomi House and Jacksplace at Christmas and finally put his idea into practice last week, raising £20 as well as some holiday pocket money.

The Oakley C of E Junior School pupil even added tip and donation boxes to his stand.

Mum Milly said: "Luke came up with the idea for a lemonade stand at Christmas and has been desperate to do it since then.

"If he'd had his way he would have been in the front garden selling lemonade in January.

"I used to be an a carer at Naomi House and Jacksplace. Luke has been keen to do his fundraising for them after an open day visit with me last year where he also raised £130 in sponsorship from the Oakley 5k fun-run."

Milly said that the only help Luke had was to boil the sugar and water – everything else, including the posters and stand sign, were done by him.

He had visits ranging from neighbours to mums with sleeping children and delivery drivers, receiving many comments on the taste of the lemonade.

"Both his dad and myself are very proud of Luke's kind efforts and all the hard work he put into the day," Milly added.

Luke said he 'loved doing the stall and meeting lots of new people'.

Luke Gosden loved meeting new people when he set up his lemonade stall

Warning of delays on trains on bank holiday

By Matthew Brown

AS a new rail franchise takes over the majority of services from Basingstoke station – passengers are being warned to avoid travelling to London Waterloo over the bank holiday weekend.

Hong Kong–based firm MTR with FirstGroup took over the South Western line franchise from South West Trains - who had held it for 21 years - on Sunday morning.

South Western Railway (SWR) is promising to invest £1.2billion between now and 2024 in new and refurbished trains featuring 52,000 peak-time seats by 2020, WiFi, at-seat charging points, £90million investment in stations, more services and faster journeys and flexible ticketing.

But ongoing improvements to increase capacity by lengthening platforms at Waterloo has meant a drastically reduced timetable with platforms 1-10 closed since August 5 and from today (Thursday) until Tuesday, this will include up to platform 14.

Services will be reduced by up to 75 per cent and on Tuesday, it is expected all platforms will be open and served with a normal timetable.

Andy Mellors, SWR's managing director, said: "We're looking forward to building on the respected foundations established by the former franchisee's employees.

"They've done a great job during the Waterloo and South West upgrade programme work, and I know it's been a challenging few weeks for our customers travelling so I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.

"The outcome for this improvement work will deliver the infrastructure needed to support the increased capacity plans we need for the future."

SWR is a joint venture between First (70 per cent) and the Hong Kong Government-owned MTR (30 per cent).

It is scheduled to run services that link Basingstoke to Waterloo and the south coast up to August 2024.

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Vandalism is 'taking toll' on village

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour has been on the increase in Overton over the last few months, causing a 'significant effect' on the village, say police.

The incidents have mainly been happening at the Town Meadow Golf Club, The Rec on Bridge Street, Berrydown Sports Pavilion, Edward Kersley Playing Field and St Mary's Garden.

At the golf club, items have been broken, bikes ridden on the greens and items thrown in the river, while The Rec has had a large window-pane smashed.

Berrydown has suffered with damage to floodlights, cricket covers and pitch where a small fire was lit, dug-outs, the newly-installed long jump and damage to the goalposts where they have been sat on.

The Nursery in Winchester Street has also reported items being damaged and moved with the bins, a lamppost, the wall and footpath at the playing field being covered in graffiti.

A metal grill has also been pulled off the well in St Mary's Garden and then thrown back down it.

Commenting on the damage, PCSO Emma Page said: "Youths have been spoken to on occasions and are likely to be responsible for these acts.

"Parents, do you know what your children are up to, especially in the early hours of the morning?

"These acts are having a significant effect on all the community, not to mention the money and time needed to rectify it all."

She continued: "Criminal damage is an offence and police will deal with any persons caught, appropriately."

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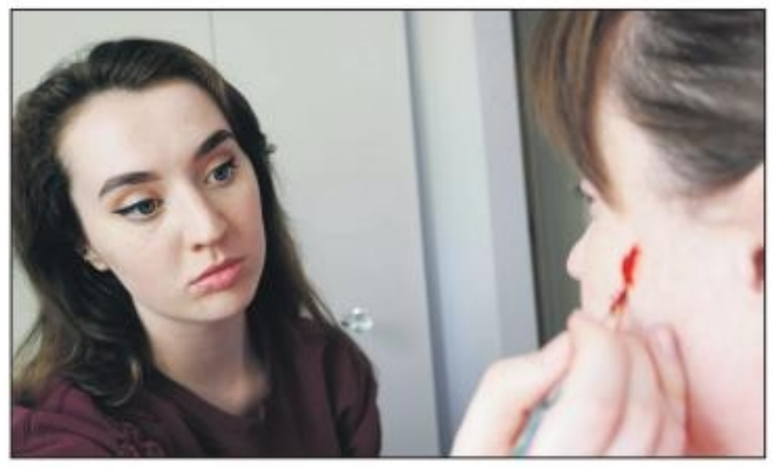
Hip hip hoor-A-y, students celebrate

By Matthew Brown

Head of seniors at Sherfield School, Dr Olwen Wright, with head boy Thomas Jenkins and headmaster Nick Fisher

Above, from left, QMC students Nathan Piper, Megan D'Souza, Saul Irwin, Leah Thomas and Bethany Harkess. Below left, Bethany demonstrates her skill, and right, Yimin Zong is off to Oxford University



THE wait was finally over for hundreds of Basingstoke students who got their hands on their A-Level results last week.

At Queen Mary's College, almost 76 per cent of all grades were A* to C, and out of nearly 2,000 entries, the overall pass rate was 99 per cent.

Yimin Zong, who came to the QMC from Testbourne School, achieved straight A* grades in physics, maths and further maths as well as the extended project qualification, and will be reading physics at Oxford University.

Talented creative student Bethany Harkess from Brighton Hill Community School, who came to the college to study for a level two media course alongside a maths GCSE re-take, is set to take up a place at the Arts University of Bournemouth to progress her career.

She achieved a triple distinction* for her BTEC media course and an A* in A-Level graphics.

QMC Principal Ali Foss said: "These are an exceptional set of results. We are pleased to be celebrating fantastic university places gained by students and also the achievements of those who have chosen alternative career routes including apprenticeships, employment and sponsored degree programmes.

"I am proud of all the students and of the staff that have helped them to secure a bright future."

Sherfield School recorded an outstanding 51 per cent of grades A* to B.

Head boy Thomas Jenkins will be reading biological sciences at Oxford University after gaining A* grades in biology and chemistry with an A in maths.

The UK's number one under-20 400m runner, Owen Richardson, has won a sports scholarship to the University of Eastern Michigan, while Harrison Rhodes has been accepted onto a prestigious pilot training scheme.

Headmaster Nick Fisher said: "I am delighted with these A-Level results, which are testament to the hard work of all of our staff and pupils.

"The enrichment provided by the wide range of outdoor pursuits, team-building, sport, music and drama gave all added huge value to the experiences of our pupils.

"I wish every one of them the very best of luck in the next stage of their lives."

In Hampshire, 26 per cent received A*/A grades, in line with the national average, while the overall pass rate was 99 per cent.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for education, Peter Edgar, said: "This summer's results are a reflection of students' hard work, and the benefit of the high quality post-16 education and training that we have in Hampshire.

"I wish to acknowledge and thank the many excellent teaching and support staff in our colleges and school sixth forms who, along with parents and carers work so hard to support students to achieve."

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A brush with art

OVERTON: The Overton Art group is holding its annual exhibition and sale this weekend from Saturday to Monday.

It will be held at the Recreation Centre in Bridge Street between 10am and 5pm and features local artists' work, completed in all mediums.

Admission is free.

Enjoy classic Jane

OLD BASING: There's a performance of Jane Austen's classic Pride and Prejudice in the garden of Barton's Mill this Sunday.

It is being performed by the Illyria Company. Doors open at 3pm and it starts at 5pm. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £10 for under 12s.

Call 01256 331153 to book.

Lottery winners

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice's winners from its August 18 lottery draw are: first prize of £1,000 to ticket 28735 of Tadley. Ticket 66696 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100. Third prize of £50 to Basingstoke ticket 81719, and Hook ticket 55040 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to 736090, 582953, 131689, 36779, 83452, 32418, 36808, 70853, 18750, 25500, 23649, 79490, 70763, 43983, 39846 and 41691.

Adam makes a start on building his dream job

By Matthew Brown

A BUDDING dumper truck driver was given a very special birthday treat by a homes developer.

Adam Blackwell, who recently turned three years old, has a passion for the trucks and diggers and loves to watch them in action.

The youngster visited the Gillies Meadow development in Rooksdown and was given the chance to join the site team for the day.

"Adam wants to visit Gillies Meadow every day, irrespective of the weather and we have literally watched the site team working in a torrential downpour more than once," said mum Emma.

"Depending on what the machinery is doing, we can be there for 20 minutes to several hours watching them, talking about what they are doing and if any of the team are free, they come over and have a quick chat to him too.

"He has always been interested in diggers from a very early age, but certainly since they broke ground at the development.

Adam sitting in one of the diggers with site manager, Trevor Jones

"He loves dumper trucks the most and diggers are a very close second."

Emma added: "All the staff there really make an effort and it is lovely that they would give him a present to celebrate his interest in construction."

During the visit, Adam sat in a digger that site manager Trevor Jones had driven up especially and was given his own hard hat and high visibility vest as well as a toy 'Mega Digger'.

The Basingstoke toddler also hopes to drive diggers when he's older.

Paul Crispin, managing director at David Wilson Homes Southern, said: "When we heard about little Adam visiting our Gillies Meadow development every day, we knew we wanted to do something special for him and give him a gift that would really help him to feel like part of the team.

"We are always encouraging youngsters to consider a career in construction and we are delighted that Adam is showing an interest already."

Fund offers more than token help

COMMUNITY groups will benefit from the generosity of shoppers at Basingstoke's Asda.

The Basingstoke and Deane Community Fund, set up by Cllr Dan Putty when he was mayor in 2013, received a cheque for £200 after the Brighton Hill store's customers voted for their preferred local causes.

Shoppers use a green token handed out at the checkout to indicate their choice as part of the retailer's community champion scheme.

Cllr Putty, a trustee of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF), which administers the fund, said: "I would like to thank Asda and their customers for their support for the foundation.

"HIWCF's focus is on building stronger communities and giving people the support they need to help themselves.

He added: "The Basingstoke and Deane Community Fund has previously supported local causes such as the Test Valley Men's Sheds and Warren Youth Club in Hatch Warren, helping these groups to provide vital services for local people in need.

"We aim to continue this good work and we welcome the support of local businesses. It has been a pleasure working with Asda Basingstoke this time."

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MP praises charity's work

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller was full of praise for town-based charity Muffin's Dream after a recent visit.

She spoke to chief executive Charlie Porter about the support it gives to disabled children and their families.

The charity was set up in 2012 and helps young people with a disability or an illness and aims to ensure they can access a wide range of support services, both in the community or in hospital.

As well as this, the charity organises activities for young people that would not normally be possible, such as horse riding and gymnastics, and provides support for family and friends.

Mrs Miller said: "I was glad to meet Charlie again and hear about the support that she and her team are giving to disabled children and their families in Basingstoke.

"Muffin's Dream Foundation is a great local charity and I applaud them for helping disabled children to have the opportunity to take part in activities that might otherwise be unavailable to them."

Maria Miller meets charity chief Charlie Porter

Pledge of better maintenance as 'joined up' solution signed

By Matthew Brown

THE Basingstoke neighbourhoods of Buckskin and South Ham will be looking all spick and span, thanks to a new 'joined up' agreement on grounds maintenance aimed at making services more efficient.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Sovereign Housing Association are working together after different teams from both the council and Sovereign claimed responsibility for grass cutting, shrub maintenance and litter picking of the same areas.

This will all change, however, after the council listened to residents' comments over the lack of a joined-up solution.

From September 4, a single service, led by the council's operations team, will take over the area's grounds maintenance.

Also, garage forecourts and roads will be mechanically swept along with the weed killing of housing association areas, garage gutter clearing over the winter months and gully cleaning.

Cllr Hayley Eachus, cabinet member for regulatory services and the environment at the borough council, welcomed the new arrangement.

She said: "The borough council listened to local people's comments about the discrepancies that affected the maintenance of their area and we have worked with Sovereign to provide this joined-up solution.

"Residents in Buckskin and South Ham will find the single grounds maintenance service improves their environment and their customer experience.

"From September, they will be able to report issues or concerns, such as missed or untidy grass cutting, to the borough council and be reassured that prompt action will be taken.

"This new arrangement will provide a more efficient delivery of services and enhance the landscape for everyone."

Sovereign, which manages more than 5,000 homes across the borough, is also pleased.

Luke Bingham, Sovereign's divisional director, said: "Working with the borough council, one dedicated team will now maintain land owned by both organisations.

"It's a great example of partnership working and I'm confident this fresh approach will improve residents' satisfaction with the open spaces in Buckskin and South Ham."

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Youth fun day

BASINGSTOKE: Winklebury Youth Project is hosting a family fun day on Sunday.

It will take place on the playing fields and feature games, a raffle, trampolines, tombola, barbecue, face painting, hook-a-duck and much more.

There is also an opportunity to see the good work the project does in Winklebury.

The fun day starts at 1pm and runs to 5pm.

Bootiful bargains

BASINGSTOKE: The Sycamore Centre is hosting its monthly indoor/outdoor boot sale this Sunday.

It's free to all sellers until the end of the year and set-up is from 1pm. It opens to buyers at 2pm and runs until 4pm. There will also be a raffle and refreshments on offer.

Art in spotlight

BRAMLEY: Enjoy the work of local artists at the Bramley Art Exhibition this weekend.

It is taking place on Saturday and Sunday at Bramley Village Hall where original art will be on display and on sale.

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RAF team tackle feat of fitness

Corporal Chris Spencer, far left, with some of the fitness challenge team and their supporters from RAF Odiham

SUPER-FIT fitness fanatics from RAF Odiham have been taking part in a 12-hour challenge in the name of charity.

A group of 13 serving personnel worked up a sweat by carrying out the challenge that was made up of 12 workouts, which included weightlifting, endurance work and gymnastics, every hour for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Corporal Chris Spencer, who came up with the idea, said: "People sometimes don't feel comfortable with they way they work out or when it comes to trying new things with their fitness regime.

"This is a great way to bring both of those things together and encourage people to stay fit and active."

The team have raised more than £100 but this is expected to swell substantially with more donations still to come.

Heather Kemp, regional fundraiser at the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "Twelve hours of fitness is an incredible feat and we are extremely grateful to them for taking on this challenge in support of us.

"I hope they all managed a glass of wine afterwards."

Rise in visitors put down to the Jane Austen effect

By Matthew Brown

THE 'Jane Austen effect' has given a boost to Basingstoke, following a number of events to celebrate the bi-centenary of the death of the Steventon-born writer.

Visitor figures to the cultural heart of the town centre, Top of Town, were up 80 per cent in July, with a daily average of 200 people at the Willis Museum, compared to around 80 visitors a day at quieter times.

This has been put down to the unveiling of the world's first life-size bronze statue of Jane Austen along with the bookbench public art trail as well as Hampshire Cultural Trust's Retail and Romance: Jane Goes to the Ball.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's deputy leader and cabinet member responsible for arts, heritage and Top of Town, Terri Reid, said: "It has been thrilling to see the Top of Town bustling with more visitors than ever before this summer.

"Jane Austen was born in the borough, spent more than half her life here and drafted some of her greatest works here.

"We are immensely proud of Jane Austen's strong connection to Basingstoke and our cultural tributes to her legacy to mark the 200th anniversary of her death have captivated residents and visitors alike.

"By coming to the see the marvellous sculpture of Jane in Market Square and finding out at the museum how Jane shopped and attended balls in the Top of Town, we have captured people's imaginations and, as a result, the area has thrived too."

Basingstoke has also been thriving on social media with the Willis Museum's Facebook video of the statue unveiling receiving more than 100,000 views as well as attracting media coverage home and abroad. Austen fans are being encouraged to take a selfie with the sculpture and post it to social media using the hashtag #SelfieWithJane.

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Club in the frame

BASINGSTOKE: An exhibition of photographs taken by Basingstoke Camera Club is opening on Saturday at the Discovery Centre in Festival Place.

Called New Perspectives, the exhibition features more than 40 photographs taken both in the UK and abroad by members of the camera club, ranging from wildlife and abstracts through to landscapes.

It is open from 8.30am to 6.30pm (4.30pm on Saturdays) until September 9.

Get ready to run

BASINGSTOKE: With less than two months to go until the Basingstoke Half Marathon on October 1, people are being urged to get their running shoes on and enter.

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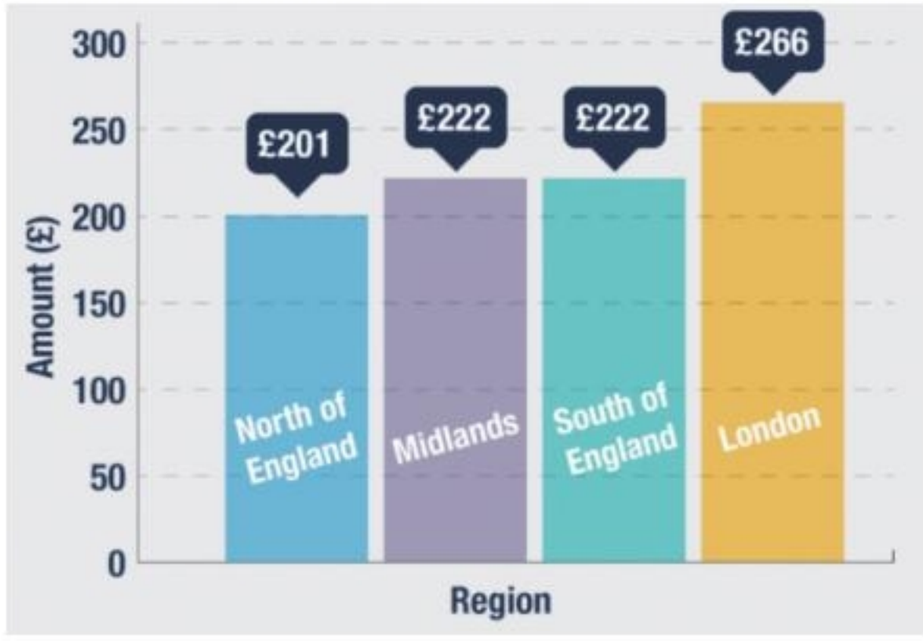

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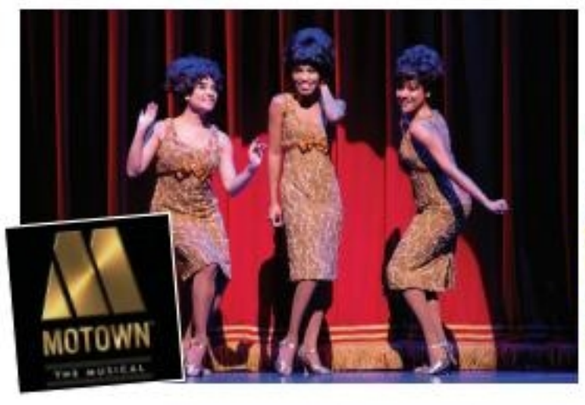

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Puzzles

Scribble space

Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Pain in the spinal area (8)
4 Group of musicians (4)
8 Very small (6)
10 Thwarts (6)
11 Combine (5)
12 Colloquial language (5)
14 Infallible guide (6)
17 Somnambulate (9)
18 Following closely (9)
22 Property (6)
27 Displeasure (5)
24 Salvers (5)
26 Insect that preys on others (6)
27 Twine (6)
28 Bird's home (4)
29 Makes steady (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Collide (4)
2 Waterways (6)
3 Bring into harmony (6)
5 Onslaught (6)
6 Courses served at end of meals (8)
7 Musical drama (5)
9 Causes (9)
10 Those who hide to obtain free passage (9)
13 Greek letter (5)
15 By the side of (5)
16 Boatman (8)
18 Raised platforms (6)
19 Garret (5)
20 Put in gradually (6)
21 Exceptional intellectual ability (6)
25 Grows old (4)

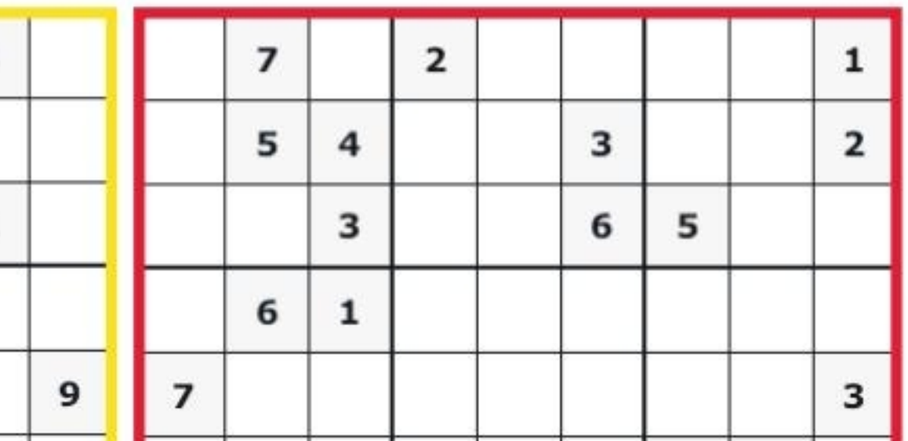
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Garment in which Lois, upset, came round (8)
4 The extent of a Middle East seaport? (4)
8 Mac and Ian get together quite mad (6)
10 They figure largely in string bands (6)
11 He's in a cap - how common! (5)
12 Prophet needs a shoe repaired (5)
14 A gypsy in the army? No (6)
17 Communist compiler is a real dog (3,6)
18 These stories have real logic (9)
22 One who goes via the south gets on (6)
23 Brings up behind? (5)
24 Not very much and rather stale (5)
26 The Italian's hidden somewhere in the shed for protection (6)
27 Attention, donkey. You've deserved it (6)
28 Palmy appointment (4)
29 They should produce a good yarn (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 People are often intent on getting here (4)
2 There's no term arrangement for the tutor (6)
3 Arranged intervals (for astronauts?) (6)
5 It's got a neck (6)
6 He's certainly willing to try (8)
7 Drank heavily, up at headquarters (5)
9 Ten get chased round and punished (9)
10 There's an animal in the orchestra (4-5)
13 Beastly creatures likely to get in a wax (5)
15 Agencies in the same diagram (5)
16 Calmly made up (8)
18 His work is a real picture (6)
19 Hangs loosely with three pounds so out (5)
20 Keep it near maybe (6)
21 Fawn is sound as a bell at heart (6)
25 Does it produce poems? (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Backache 4 Band 8 Minute 10 Spites 11 Unite 12 Slang 14 Oracle 17 Sleepwalk 18 Shadowing 22 Estate 23 Anger 24 Trays 26 Mantis 27 String 28 Nest 29 Ballasts

Down: 1 Bump 2 Canals 3 Attune 5 Attack 6 Desserts 7 Opera 9 Engenders 10 Stowaways 13 Alpha 15 Along 16 Waterman 18 Stands 19 Attic 20 Install 21 Genius 25 Ages

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Camisole 4 Acre 8 Maniac 10 Cellos 11 Cheap 12 Hosea 14 Romany 17 Red setter 18 Allegoric 22 Person 23 Rears 24 Least 26 Shield 27 Earned 28 Date 29 Spinners

Down: 1 Camp 2 Mentor 3 Spaced 5 Collar 6 Essayist 7 Depot 9 Chastened 10 Cart-horse 13 Seals 15 Media 16 Composed 18 Artist 19 Lolls 20 Retain 21 Cringe 25 Odes

Puzzles

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Saturday August 26th

BBC1

Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme, 6.45pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News; Weather** (S) **1.15 Diamond League Athletics: Zurich Highlights** (S) **2.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final** (S) **5.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.45 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** (S)

7 7.20 **Pointless Celebrities** A "health and fitness" edition of the unorthodox quiz show. (S)(R)

8 8.05 **Who Dares Wins** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which strangers pair up to win money. Last in the series. (S)
8.45 **Casualty** (S)

9 9.35 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Dermot gets cold feet in the run-up to his wedding. (S)(R)

10 10.05 **BBC News; Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.25 **Match of the Day** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

11 11.55 **People Just Do Nothing** Beats has to deal with the conflict with a rival station. (S)

AFTER 12 12.25 FILM **In the Electric Mist (2009) (15)** Mystery, starring Tommy Lee Jones. (S) **2.10** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Nina Conti's Edinburgh Festival, 7.30pm

10.10 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **10.55 Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly** (S)(R) **11.55** FILM **Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971) (U)** (S) **1.50 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **2.20 Mastermind** (S)(R) **2.50 Only Connect** (S)(R) **3.20 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.20 Final Score** (S) **5.20 University Challenge** (S)(R) **5.50 The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 **Nina Conti's Edinburgh Festival** Highlights of the festival. (S)

8.00 **Iolo's Great Welsh Parks** Nature expert Iolo Williams visits Padarn Country Park near Llanberis in Snowdonia. (S)
8.30 **Dad's Army** (S)(R)

9.00 **Festival Tales: Edinburgh at 70** Jack Whitehall reflects on the history of the Edinburgh Festival, and the role it has played in revolutionising art and culture on an international scale. (S)

10.00 **Performance Live: Get a Round** Theatrical comedy, starring Sara Cocker, Lowri Evans and Leonie Higgins. (S)
10.40 FILM **The Help (2011) (12)** An aspiring journalist in 1960s Mississippi creates controversy by giving black servants the chance to tell their stories. Drama, starring Emma Stone and Viola Davis. (S)

1.00 FILM **The German Doctor (2013) (12)** Fact-based drama, starring Alex Brendemuhl. **2.25** This Is BBC Two

ITV

Les Dawson Forever, 8pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 ITV Racing: The Opening Show** (S) **10.20 Gok's Lunchbox** (S)(R) **11.15 1000 Heartbeats** (S)(R) **12.15 ITV News** (S) **12.25 The Chase** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV Racing Live: York Ebor Festival** (S) **3.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **4.55 Little Big Shots USA** (S) **5.50 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.00 ITV News** (S) **6.15 You've Been Framed!** (S)(R)

7.15 **Catchphrase** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)

8.00 **Les Dawson Forever** Martin Clunes narrates a profile of the comedian, featuring contributions from family, friends and famous fans. (S)

10.00 **ITV News;** Weather (S)
10.15 FILM **Captain Phillips (2013) (12)** Fact-based thriller, starring Tom Hanks and Barkhad Abdi. (S)

12.45 **Jackpot247 3.00** The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It, 5.35pm

8.20 Frasier (S)(R) **9.55 Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **11.25 F1 Meets David Coulthard** (S) **11.55 Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **2.30 World's Most Expensive Cars** (S) **3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.35 Big House, Little House** (S) **5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.55** FILM **Ender's Game (2013) (12)** (S)

9.00 FILM **Dumb and Dumber To (2014) (15)** Premiere. Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. (S)

11.10 FILM **Ted (2012) (15)** Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg, with the voice of Seth MacFarlane. (S)

1.10 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **2.00** Hollyoaks (S) **4.10** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.05** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.35 Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **12.00 Police Interceptors: Rookies and Raids** (S)(R) **1.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** (R) **3.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Two agents try to evict a community of travellers from a private car park. (R)

7.00 **Cricket on 5** England v West Indies. Highlights of the second day of the Second Test in the three-match series, which takes place at Headingley. (S)

8.00 **Supernatural Nazis** New series. The role of occultism in Nazi Germany. (S)
8.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship** Highlights from the latest games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 **Britain's Favourite Abba Songs** A countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, with celebrity fans including Jane McDonald and Liz McClarnon introducing their favourite clips. (S)(R)

12.00 **Access** (S) **12.10** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Delete (S) **4.30** Access (S)(R) **4.40** Great Scientists (S)(R) **5.10** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.35** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **11.35** Take Me Out Celebrity Special **12.35** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.05** You've Been Framed and Famous! **2.10** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) **4.05** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) **5.55** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black. **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Concluded. **10.10** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **1.05** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.50** FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) **9.50** FYI Daily **9.55** FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) **10.55** Heidi **1.05** FILM: Anne of Green Gables (2015) (U) **2.50** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) **4.55** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.05** Law & Order: UK **1.05** Wycliffe **2.00** Rising Damp **2.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.15** Billy Fury: The Sound of Fury **12.45** Britain's Most Fragile Treasure **1.45** The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings **2.45** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Goldbergs **7.25** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **10.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **11.05** Don't Tell the Bride **12.05** Streetmate **1.05** The Goldbergs **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** FILM: Shallow Hal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black. **9.00** FILM: Immortals (2011) (15) Mythological adventure, starring Henry Cavill **11.10** Gogglebox **1.15** Tattoo Fixers **2.20** Rude Tube **3.15** Gogglebox **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.40** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.50** Come Dine with Me **5.25** Four in a Bed **8.00** The Royal House of Windsor **9.00** How to Be Queen: 63 Years and Counting **10.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.45** Father Ted **1.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Dark Crystal (1982) (PG) **1.00** Chalet Girl (2011) (12) **2.50** The Cat in the Hat (2003) (PG) **4.25** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **6.40** About Time (2013) (12) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams. **9.00** Lucy (2014) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson. **10.40** The Guest (2014) (15) Thriller, starring Dan Stevens. **12.40** Taxi Driver (1976) (18) **3.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Brojects **10.00** Sin City Motors **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Traffic Cops **3.00** Top Gear Patagonia Special **5.40** Would I Lie to You? at Christmas **6.20** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** Would I Lie to You? **11.00** FILM: Heat (1995) (15) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **2.30** Suits **3.15** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **2.00** Miss Marple **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.55** Waking the Dead **2.25** Fallen Angel **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** MacGyver **8.00** The F1 Show **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** The Dog Whisperer **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** FILM: A Few Good Men (1992) (15) Military courtroom drama, starring Tom Cruise. **11.40** Diana: The People's Princess **12.40** A League of Their Own **1.40** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.30** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **3.30** Road Wars **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The British **9.00** Fish Town **10.00** Storm City **11.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** The Pacific **11.40** Ballers **12.15** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.50** Real Time with Bill Maher **2.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.10** Without a Trace **4.05** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.00 Beauty and the Beast **6.50** The Bill **11.50** EastEnders **2.20** My Family **4.20** FILM: Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **6.20** FILM: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) (U) Adventure sequel, starring Daryl Sabara. **8.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **9.00** FILM: Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) (15) Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. **11.20** Louis Theroux – A Place for Paedophiles **12.20** Tipping Point **1.20** Your Home in Their Hands **2.20** W1A **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Lucky Feller **8.15** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.55** Open All Hours **10.35** Still Open All Hours **11.10** Only Fools and Horses **12.20** Still Open All Hours **1.00** Only Fools and Horses **2.10** Porridge **2.50** Only Fools and Horses **6.00** David Jason: My Life on Screen **7.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.20** Still Open All Hours **9.40** David Jason: My Life on Screen **10.40** Only Fools and Horses **12.45** Porterhouse Blue **1.55** Lucky Feller **2.20** A Sharp Intake of Breath **2.50** The Thin Blue Line **3.25** Lucky Feller **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Live Quad Series Netball. **8.00** Live Rugby Championship. **11.00** Soccer Saturday Pre-Match **11.30** Live Premier League. **3.15** Live Test Cricket. England v West Indies. **5.15** Live EFL. Nottingham Forest v Leeds United (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live PGA Tour Golf. The Northern Trust. **11.00** Through the Night **12.00** Live Mayweather v McGregor. **1.00** Through the Night

Sunday August 27th

BBC1

DAYTIME 6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 BBC News (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Fake or Fortune? (S)(R) 2.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.00 Songs of Praise (S) 4.35 FILM Toy Story 2 (1999) (U) (S) 6.05 BBC News (S) 6.20 News (S) 6.30 Countryfile (S)

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7.30 Diana, 7 Days Documentary exploring the week following Princess Diana's death. (S)

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9.05 Strike – The Cuckoo's Calling New series. Private detective Cormoran Strike is called in to investigate the apparent suicide of a supermodel. (S)

10
10.05 BBC News (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.35 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)

11
11.45 Live at the Apollo Comedy sets by Sarah Millican, Joe Lycett and Russell Kane. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.35 BBC News (S)

BBC2

DAYTIME 6.15 The Instant Gardener (S)(R) 7.00 Garden Rescue (S)(R) 7.45 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.45 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 9.15 Countryfile (S)(R) 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Coast (S)(R) 1.45 Triathlon World Series: Stockholm (S) 3.30 Equestrian: European Championships (S) 6.00 Tribes, Predators & Me (S)(R)

7
7.00 Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family & Me Part one of two. Gordon Buchanan encounters a family of African elephants in the wilds of Kenya. (S)(R)

8
8.00 Dragons' Den The panel cast an eye over plans for furniture made from old aeroplane parts. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)

9
9.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The remaining candidates are put through more demanding tests. (S)

10
10.00 Ill Behaviour Charlie is assumed to have committed suicide. Joel decides to visit Kira so he can comfort her, and finds himself enjoying taking over his friend's role in the family. (S)

11
11.00 FILM The Ides of March (2011) (15) Drama, directed by and starring George Clooney. With Ryan Gosling. (S)

AFTER 12
12.35 FILM Echoes from the Dead (2013) (15) Swedish thriller, starring Lena Endre. 2.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 3.05 Holby City (S)(R) 4.05 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

DAYTIME 6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 FILM K-9 (1989) (12) (S) 11.15 Love Your Garden (S)(R) 12.15 ITV News (S) 12.25 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 12.55 Joanna Lumley's Postcards (S)(R) 1.25 Catchphrase (S)(R) 2.10 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 3.10 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 3.40 FILM Superman (1978) (PG) (S) 6.30 ITV Regional News (S) 6.40 ITV News (S)

7
7.00 Possibly the Best Adverts in the World Hugh Dennis narrates a two-hour special in which celebrities select their favourite commercials. (S)

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9.05 Victoria New series. The second series of the period drama begins as Victoria resumes her royal duties after the birth of her first child, aided by a formidable new confidante (Diana Rigg). (S)

10
10.10 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories A couple who fought for changes in the law. (S)(R)

11
11.20 5 Gold Rings Interactive game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

DAYTIME 6.00 Para Triathlon: Superhero Tri (S) 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 7.55 Frasier (S)(R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.00 Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Build Up (S) 12.35 Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live (S) 3.10 Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Reaction (S) 4.00 The Crystal Maze (S)(R) 5.00 Channel 4 News (S) 5.30 The World's Greatest Kids' Films (S)

7
7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year George Clarke presents the Pubs and Entertainment and Unexpected categories. (S)

8
8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier Levison Wood travels into the badlands of Dagestan. (S)

9
9.00 FILM Taken 3 (2014) (12) Premiere. Ex-CIA agent Bryan Mills fights to clear his own name after being framed for his ex-wife's murder. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. (S)

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11.15 FILM The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) (18) Martin Scorsese's fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill. (S)

AFTER 12
2.30 Speed with Guy Martin (S)(R) 3.55 Gillette World Sport (S) 4.25 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 4.50 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 5.20 Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

Channel 5

DAYTIME 6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.40 Football on 5: The Championship (S)(R) 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 12.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 1.00 Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 2.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3 Compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre things. (S)(R) 3.00 All New Traffic Cops (S)(R)

7
7.00 Cricket on 5 England v West Indies. Highlights of the third day of the Second Test in the three-match series, which takes place at Headingley. (S)

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8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away A landlord has already called for police back-up. (S)(R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9
9.00 Funny Women: The Mel & Sue Story Profile of entertainer and presenters Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins, who have become famed for their irreverent, raised-eyebrow humour. (S)

10
10.30 Sue Perkins' Comedy Greats: The Entertainers The presenter introduces some of her favourite comedy performances. (S)

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AFTER 12
12.20 Named and Shamed: Greatest Celebrity Scandals (S)(R) 1.10 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Delete (S) 4.30 Access (S)(R) 4.40 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.10 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.35 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R) 5.50 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.20 Mr Bean 6.50 Emmerdale 9.35 Coronation Street 12.00 Ninja Warrior UK 1.00 Mr Bean 2.05 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.40 You've Been Framed! Gold 3.40 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. 4.40 FYI Daily 4.45 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) (PG) Concluded. 6.00 FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. 7.00 FYI Daily 7.05 FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded. 7.55 FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Charlie Hunnam. 8.55 FYI Daily 9.00 FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Concluded. 10.30 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.25 The Cleveland Show 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 On the Buses 6.25 FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) British comedy, starring John Mills. 7.30 FYI Daily 7.35 FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) 8.10 Heartbeat 10.15 The Darling Buds of May 11.25 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. 12.30 FYI Daily 12.35 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Concluded. 1.15 Foyle's War 3.15 Royal Stories 3.50 Rosemary & Thyme 4.55 FILM: The Young Victoria (2009) (PG) Historical drama, starring Emily Blunt. 5.55 FYI Daily 6.00 FILM: The Young Victoria (2009) (PG) Concluded. 7.00 Lewis 9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 10.00 Law & Order: UK 12.05 FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) 1.05 FYI Daily 1.10 FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) 2.55 Wycliffe 3.50 The Darling Buds of May 4.45 Rising Damp 5.10 On the Buses 5.35 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 BBC Proms 2017. A concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. 7.00 Chopin Preludes 9.00 Gluck: Who Did She Think He Was? 10.00 Metal at the BBC 10.30 Muse @ Reading Festival 2017 12.00 Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody 1.00 Jeff Lynne's ELO in Concert 2.00 Metal at the BBC 2.30 Gluck: Who Did She Think He Was? 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Kevin Can Wait 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza 12.00 Don't Tell the Bride 1.00 Streetmate 2.05 FILM: Muppet Treasure Island (1996) (U) Musical puppet comedy, with Tim Curry. 4.05 The Goldbergs 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Predators (2010) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody. 11.05 Tattoo Fixers on Holiday 12.10 Don't Tell the Bride 1.15 Body Fixers 2.20 Gogglebox 3.15 Rude Tube 3.40 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.10 Come Dine with Me 2.50 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo 9.00 Father Ted 10.10 There's Something About Romcoms 11.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.50 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.50 8 Out of 10 Cats 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) (PG) Family adventure, starring Jessica Alba. 1.00 Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Drew Barrymore and Dougray Scott. 3.25 Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (12) Comedy, with Robin Williams. 5.50 Avatar (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington. 9.00 The World's End (2013) (15) Sci-fi comedy, starring Simon Pegg. 11.10 An American Werewolf in London (1981) (18) Horror comedy, with David Naughton. 1.05 The Warriors (1979) (18) 3.00 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 9.00 Top Gear 10.00 Top Gear Patagonia Special 12.40 Traffic Cops 2.00 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas 2.40 Would I Lie to You? 3.20 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits 4.00 Not Going Out 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 10.00 Live at the Apollo 11.00 Taskmaster 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Reginald D Hunter Live 2.20 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 3.10 Suits 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20
7.10 The Ruby in the Smoke 9.00 The Shadow in the North 11.00 Maisie Raine 3.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 7.00 Murdoch Mysteries 8.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 9.00 Silent Witness 11.25 Taggart 2.25 Spooks 3.35 Garden Hopping 4.00 Home Shopping

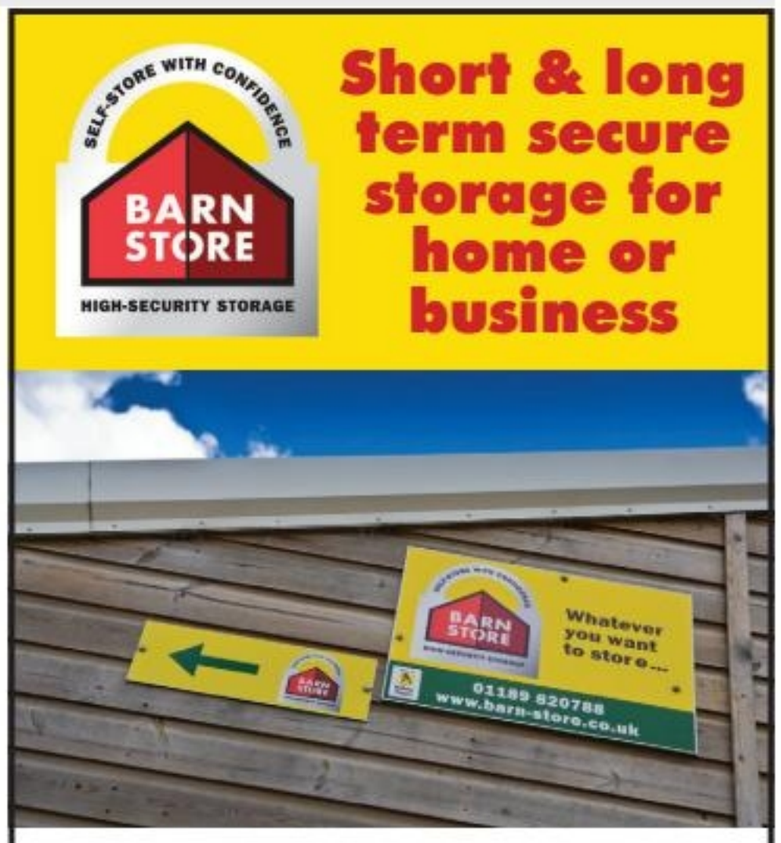
SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 10.00 WWE Raw Hits 11.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 9.00 The Last Ship 10.00 The Force: North East 11.00 Zoo 12.00 A League of Their Own 1.00 Most Daring 2.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 3.00 Road Wars 4.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue 4.30 Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The British 9.00 Storm City 11.00 House 2.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough 3.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.20 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.30 1993 12.40 Game of Thrones 3.30 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough 4.00 Storm City

W SKY: 109
6.00 MasterChef Australia 12.30 My Restaurant in India 1.00 Doctor Who 4.10 FILM: The NeverEnding Story (1984) (U) Fantasy adventure, starring Barret Oliver. 6.00 Outnumbered 8.00 One Born Every Minute 9.00 One Born: What Happened Next? 10.00 Life and Death Row 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00 One Born Every Minute 1.00 Your Home in Their Hands 2.05 W1A 2.40 Judge Faith 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110
7.10 A Sharp Intake of Breath 7.40 Lucky Feller 8.15 A Sharp Intake of Breath 10.00 Open All Hours 10.40 Only Fools and Horses 11.20 Porterhouse Blue 12.20 Porridge 1.00 Still Open All Hours 2.20 Porridge 3.00 David Jason: My Life on Screen 4.00 Open All Hours 4.40 Only Fools and Horses 6.00 David Jason: My Life on Screen 7.00 Only Fools and Horses 8.40 Still Open All Hours 10.00 David Jason: My Life on Screen 11.00 Porterhouse Blue 12.05 FILM: The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) (12) 2.05 A Sharp Intake of Breath 2.40 Inside No 9 3.15 The Thin Blue Line 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401
6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Total Goals 9.00 Cricket Writers on TV 10.00 Live Test Cricket. England v West Indies. 12.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday. West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City (kick-off 1.30pm). 3.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday. Liverpool v Arsenal (kick-off 4.00pm). 7.00 Live PGA Tour Golf. The Northern Trust. 11.00 Through the Night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Stand by for surprises

By Josh Cox

TRIBUTE band Killer Queen are returning to Basingstoke and say they have some surprises in store for fans.

Lead singer Patrick Myers, the Freddie Mercury of Killer Queen, took time out to speak to the Basingstoke Observer and tell us about his up and coming show at The Anvil next month.

Asked what the audience can expect, Myers said: "We've lined up lots of new things and a few surprises but we'll still carry the same high-energy, great enthusiasm and passion that we bring to all our shows.

"We have recently re-designed our set. Queen have got such a wide range of songs to choose from we like to mix it up at each gig."

Killer Queen began in 1993. Myers added: "By 1995 our UK popularity had grown to such an extent we secured a residency in London's Strand Theatre attracting nationwide BBC coverage – the first tribute to have a show in the West End.

"Since then, Killer Queen has kept growing from strength to strength, and we've performed in most of the places Queen has played."

Killer Queen is often cited as the best Queen tribute act, so what sets them apart from the others?

Myers replied: "It's difficult to be objective, we've certainly been doing it a long time. There are a lot of good tribute acts around. We try to put ourselves in the perspective of the audience.

"Playing Freddie Mercury is all about showmanship, being playful and putting on a good performance to the audience – getting them involved. It's something over the years we've really honed in on."

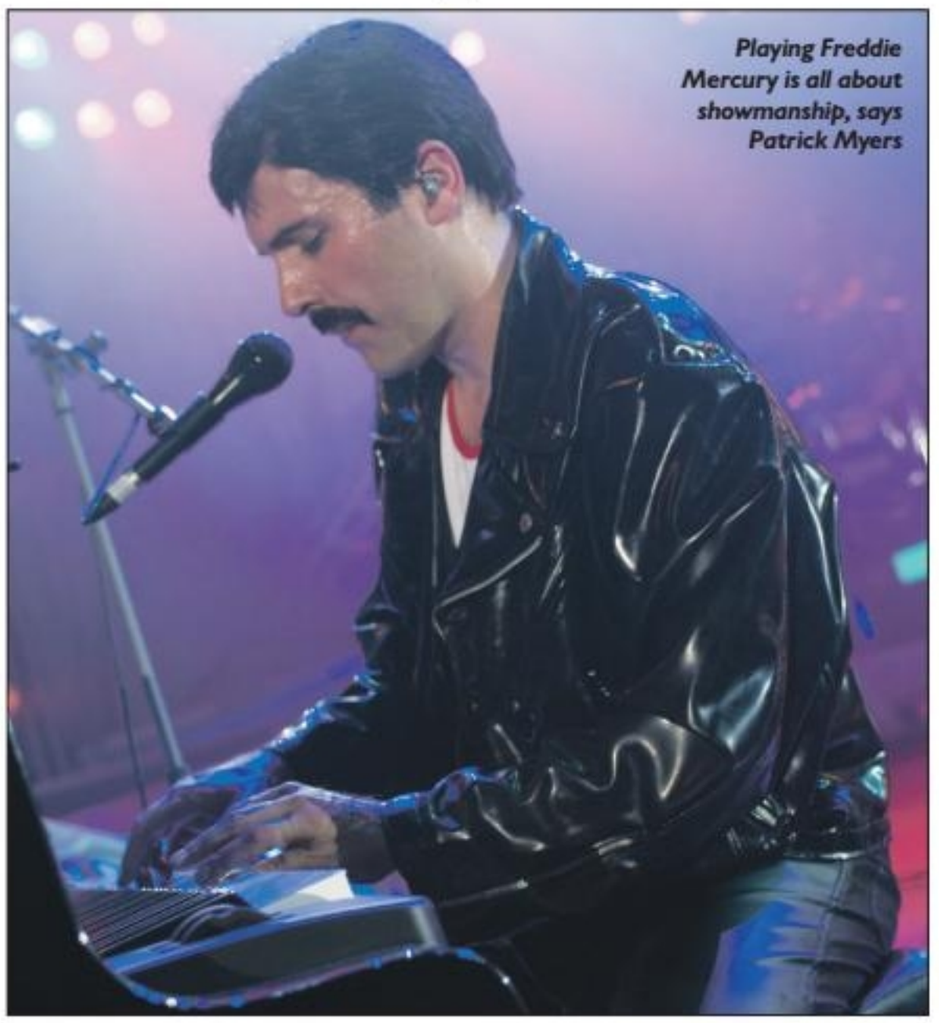
Myers says he fell in love with music at around age 10. "I started with a classical guitar and played with a few bands in my teens.

"When, sadly, Freddie died in 1991, being students at the time we formed Killer Queen to put on shows to those other students who unfortunately missed him too.

"There's been so many amazing moments, in our last gig at Austin City Limits everyone had their phone lights on to Bohemian Rhapsody, and it was just magical."

Killer Queen will rock you on September 28 at 7.45pm at The Anvil, Basingstoke.

Tickets costs £23. To book, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk



Playing Freddie Mercury is all about showmanship, says Patrick Myers

One for the Record

MUSIC: Covers band Off The Record will be playing at Crooked Billet in Hook tomorrow (Friday) from 9pm.

The band primarily cover hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. The pub will be putting on a barbecue and serving local ales.

This gig carries no entry fee.

Family fun in park

ACTIVITY: There will be a family fun day at Winklebury Park in Basingstoke on Sunday from 2pm to 6pm.

Specifically designed for children aged between seven and 17, the fete will host a range of stalls, refreshments, a bouncy castle, sumo suits, a giant Connect Four and much more.

There is no entry fee.

Golden moments

MUSIC: Delightful duo Goldeneye will be performing their range of covers form the 60s to present day at The Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke on Saturday.

The band sees Al Ferrier on the synthesiser and programming and Valentina Marciano taking up both lead and backing vocals.

This free gig starts at 8.45pm.

Up close with Martin Kemp

By Josh Cox

SPANDAU Ballet and EastEnders star Martin Kemp is heading to The Anvil in Basingstoke this September.

Ahead of his show he took time out to answer some questions for the Basingstoke Observer.

Asked whether he preferred acting, presenting or performing as a musician, Martin replied: "All of them. There's no real difference for me, they all sit inside a bubble called entertainment."

Martin has performed at The Anvil before and recalled he had a fantastic evening.

"There was a really great crowd who brought along a lot of fun," he said. "These evenings are all about what the audience brings to the table, the more fun they have, the more fun I have and it grows."

What can the audience expect from your up and coming show at The Anvil?

Martin replied: "The first 45 minutes of An Audience with MK is laid out in an interview style covering all the ups and downs of my life, everything from Spandau, The Krays and EastEnders.

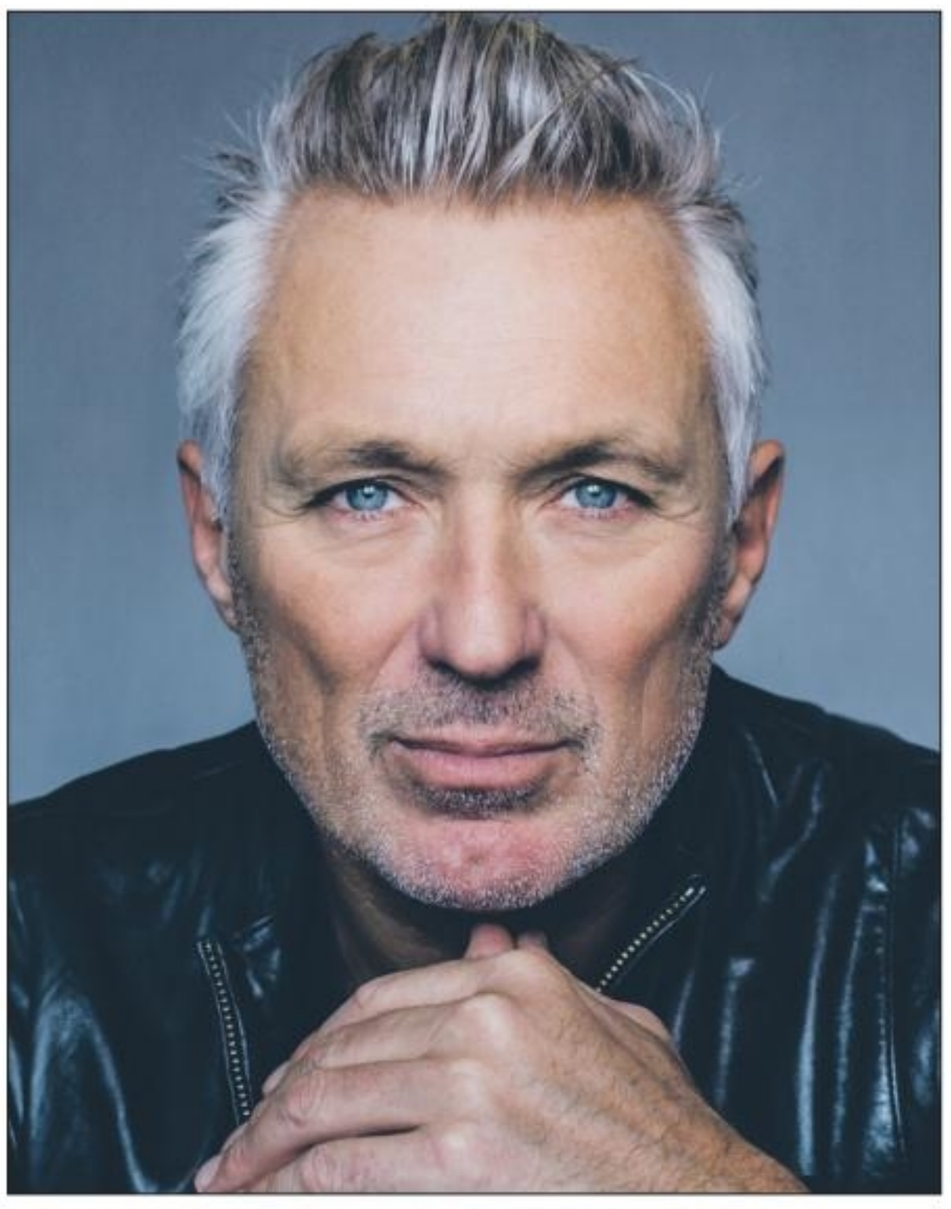
"The second half is thrown open to the audience, with no question too much. I love it when the crowd throw a few cheeky questions in."

Martin says the best performance of his career, apart from Live Aid in 1985, was the first show of the 2009 reunion tour. "I never thought it would ever happen, so when it did it was just so emotional, being up there with my friends again."

Asked what made him pursue an acting career after being in a successful band, Martin replied: "I was a child actor first – all those 1970s TV shows like Play For Today, Dixon of Dock Green, Rumple of The Bailey, Comedy Playhouse, so going back to acting after The Krays was a natural step and an incredible opportunity, a springboard into the rest of my life."

An Audience with Martin Kemp takes place at The Anvil on September 22 at 7.45pm.

Tickets cost £24; a post-show meet and greet costs £50. To book, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.



Actor and musician Martin Kemp is looking forward to his Anvil return

Reggae rings out

MUSIC: For an evening of reggae, head down to The Academy in Basingstoke on Saturday.

Brobed Stils will be playing music by Bob Marley, Eddy Grant, Equals, UB40, Booker T, Van Morrison, Peter Green, Jimmy Cliff, Hendrix and more.

Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Doors open from 7pm.

Through the fire

MUSIC: Local band Smoke N' Fire will be jamming at The Four Horseshoes in Sherfield-on-Loddon this Saturday.

The band have been playing and gigging together for over six years and have built up an extensive repertoire.

Bring your dancing shoes, as this free gig starts at 8pm.

Higher and higher

MUSIC: Nick Stephenson is coming to The Falcon, Rotherwick, on Sunday at 7.30pm.

Stephenson is a London-based singer-songwriter who gigs across the UK. As well as being armed with a catalogue of more than 60 original songs, he has around 250 covers that he can call on to include in his set.

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Ocean is worth every penny of £54k

By **Tony Yates**

I WAS loaned a Volkswagen California Ocean for a family summer holiday a few weeks ago – and I took the opportunity to test it's ability of sleeping four adults in what some say is comfort camping.

Now, I know camping is not for everyone and up to a few years ago, I felt the same, but then I bought an old Peugeot campervan which was rubbish – but it did it's job of keeping my family dry as we camped in Wales.

Of course, it was old and I only paid £500 for it and it had 120k miles on the clock – but we loved it.

So, when the Ocean arrived with it's shiny blue paint and modern lines, we were very excited indeed.

I will give you a brief rundown on some of the kit you can expect to find inside a modern version of the California. It starts with a DAB Radio with five inch touchscreen and eight speakers, two-seater bench/bed foldable into a bed for two persons, roof berth for additional sleeping, 42litre cool box, camping table and two chairs, electric hook up, fresh water tank, gas storage compartment, kitchen units, 12v and 230v sockets, two 72Ah auxiliary batteries and a waste water storage tank.

The Ocean version of the California is fitted with a 2.0 litre TDI turbocharged 16v diesel engine with DPF – and an excellent seven-speed DSG gearbox, which is stunning even when it was weighted down with all our equipment.

The engine pulls really well thanks to 204PS on tap and 450Nm of torque. Remember on it's own the Ocean weighs in at 3080(kg) which you would assume would have a massive impact on fuel economy – but you would be wrong, as it returns a healthy 42mpg even when you are up and down the many hills in and around Lake Windermere and Coniston.

Standard equipment that underpins the Ocean comes in the form of 4MOTION all wheel drive, ABD, BAS & EBD. Along with traction control (TCS & EDL) & ESP. Plus, airbags for the driver and front passenger with head/side airbags, remote central locking, side scan and lane assist is also fitted so the safety aspect is perfect.

On the inside you get automatic climate control, heated front seats, electric windows, blinds for side windows plus so much more additional equipment that I would need another 600 words just to cover that part off. As I don't have that kind of space, you will have to make do with me finishing off with a short run down on what I think of the VW California Ocean.

If you are a couple or a family with two children, then the Ocean is perfect for getting you away with the minimal of fuss – thanks mainly to it pretty much having everything you will ever need, including the kitchen sink. Also, the fact that you can sleep four people in perfect comfort is utterly amazing.

Things we liked; we liked the electric roof system that raised and lowered and the additional sleeping space. My children also told me it was 'very cool to be sleeping in the roof' and I loved spending some time in there myself reading to them.

•You can sleep four people in perfect comfort in the VW Ocean

As for myself - I like that the Ocean comes already equipped with electric hook up which minimises all the fumbling around in the dark trying to find the right connector. I also liked that everything you will ever need is there to hand with little fuss. Plus if it does rain all week, you have the ability to wind out an awning on the side.

The Ocean did us proud and kept my family safe and warm. But you might be a little surprised by the price.

Prices for the model I had on test starts at around £54,678.

To sum up; Yes, the high price could be a big problem but in my eyes it's worth every penny.

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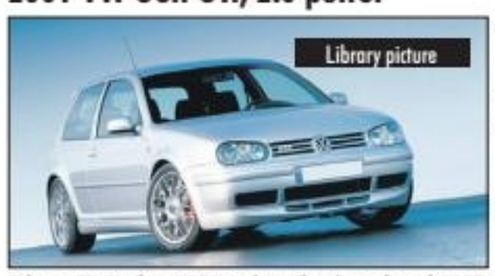

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Winning All-Stars have plenty to cheer about

AFTER completing their most successful season to date last time out, Basingstoke Wolverines All-Star Cheerleading team have much to be excited about ahead of the new season that starts shortly.

Last season the senior level two team, Queens, were crowned national champions at the Future Cheer Internationals in Bournemouth, as they saw off top international competition to beat 42 other teams in the level two division.

As well as the level two success, the Wolverines' level three team, Rogue, also hit the heights.

The mixed squad of both male and female athletes achieved a national championship title at the Legacy Internationals in Birmingham.

Head coach Kayleigh Fennell completed her first full season with the Wolverines and the squad have worked hard for their success.

She said: "We are very proud of each and every athlete who participated last season.

"Our teams train so hard all year for two-and-a-half minutes on the competition floor and all that work and effort has come together at the right moment.

"They have all done amazing."

Both level two and three sides have won invitations to the prestigious ICC Battle of Champions in June next year, where only the top performing squads will compete.

The Queens saw off top international competition to be crowned national champions

The club has grown significantly over the last year, with more than 100 competitive squad members and 25 recreational members aged from four to 25 and is about to move into their fourth season.

New members, male, female, with or without experience, are actively welcome.

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Griffiths plays a blinder

By Matthew Brown

A SUPERB bowling performance of 6-12 from Basingstoke and North Hampshire Cricket Club's (BNHCC) player/coach David Griffiths helped them to a 92-run victory over Portsmouth.

The result keeps them in the hunt for the Southern Premier League Division One title.

Portsmouth won the toss and elected to field first at May's Bounty.

Bountymen openers Daniel Belcher and Max Harsham put on 44 for the first wicket before Harsham fell for 16, caught by Harry Collier from the bowling of Joseph Kooner-Evans.

Belcher (23) went shortly after, again caught by Collier off Ethan Randell's bowling.

Captain Mitch Stokes (36 from 33 balls) came in and together with Chris Froud (15), set about giving BNHCC a solid platform to build a competitive score.

But Stokes was trapped LBW by Randell with Froud back in the pavilion not long after when he was also dismissed LBW by Pradeep Bains, the score now 103-4.

Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and Griffiths, who claimed 17 off 32 balls, was the only other real score of note as Basingstoke were all out for 166 from 47.2 overs.

In the second innings, BNHCC got off to a great start as Martyn James dismissed both Portsmouth openers cheaply.

James Christian (3) was caught by William Phillips while Jordan Palmer Goddard (10) was trapped LBW.

James then bowled Jack Marston for a duck to leave Pompey 26-3 before Griffiths ripped into them.

The former Hampshire and Kent professional decimated the visitors' middle and lower order to leave them 74 all out and seal the win.

Only Fraser Hay with 28 from 47 balls could muster any resistance against a deadly

David Griffiths decimated the middle order

Basingstoke seam attack duo of James and Griffiths, with Chris Jolley picking up the other wicket.

The 92-run victory puts the Bountymen joint top of the table with leaders Calmore Sports having their game with Sarisbury Athletic called off.

On Saturday, BNHCC travel to Hook and Newnham, rounding off the season on September 2.

Bison sign 'gritty young player' Smith from rivals Bees

BASINGSTOKE Bison have completed the 2017/18 roster with their final signing ahead of the new season.

The Herd have signed Great Britain under-20 international forward Josh Smith from local rivals Bracknell Bees.

The 19-year-old said: "I think the Bison have a strong looking team and I feel we will be challenging for trophies.

"I am looking forward to being part of this I will do anything for the team.

"I am happy to take the body, fight for the puck in the corners and want to chip in with a number of goals."

Smith, who was born in Frimley Green and had been at the Bees since the age of nine, featured 39 times for Bracknell last season and returned 12 points, split evenly between goals and assists.

The previous season, his first as a full-time player, he registered 16 points, again split evenly between goals and assists.

Bison head coach Doug Sheppard, said: "Josh is a physical, gritty player, who will add some more energy to our line-up and is only going to improve as a player as he is just 19."

They kick-off their season on September 2 when they play Peterborough Phantoms on home ice.

Sport Bites

Collard on hunt

MOTORSPORT: North Hampshire racer Rob Collard continues his quest for the British Touring Car Championship drivers' title this weekend at Rockingham.

The Team BMW driver will be looking to pick up points as he has done in every race so far this season to keep the pressure on with just two races to go.

He is currently fourth in the standings.

Derby delight

FOOTBALL: Hartley Wintney's impressive 5-1 thrashing of Brockenhurst away earned them a derby with Basingstoke Town in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

A brace from Sam Argent, one for Liam Eagle, Dean Stow and James Tennant saw the Row safety through.

The Basingstoke Town game is on September 2 away at the Camrose.

Calleva draw

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva dropped their first points of the season in the Sydenhams Wessex League Division in a 1-1 home draw against New Milton Town.

Both sides went into the clash unbeaten but Calleva had to come from behind when Ant Smith put New Milton ahead.

Tadley levelled through Scott Kinge but survived a late penalty miss from Milton's Steve Flynn to hang on for a point.

Whitchurch woe

FOOTBALL: Whitchurch United were thrashed 5-1 away at Ringwood Town in their Sydenhams Division One clash on Saturday.

Goals from Charlie Heggan, Peter Richmond-Cole, Lee Vint and a brace from River Smith, secured the points for Ringwood.

Nicholas Yeomans scored the consolation for Whitchurch.

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New misery for Dragons after third defeat in row

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town succumbed to another Evo-Stik League South Premier League defeat, this time a 3-0 loss away at Kettering Town.

The Dragons travelled to Northamptonshire on Saturday to play the Poppies but fell to their third defeat from three games despite an improved showing at Latimer Park against a strong side.

Basingstoke started the game confidently, moving the ball and keeping it far better than what they had during the 1-0 loss to Dorchester last time out, but failed to create any clear chances early on.

The only chance of note was a rehearsed routine between George Bennett and Ben Wright, who fired comfortably wide from the corner of the box.

Kettering grew into the game and opened the scoring on 25 minutes with their first real chance when a free kick from the right was stunningly floated in behind the Basingstoke defence for Brett Solkhon to nod home from close range.

Apart from one Colm McAdden save low to his right, Basingstoke kept the home side out for most of the first half, with Dan Collier and captain Marcus Johnson Schuster firing over the bar.

In the second half, Kettering started strongly and attacked Basingstoke with Rene Howe failing to get a decisive touch on one corner while Dan Bayliss made a goal-line clearance after McAdden was beaten by another ball into the box.

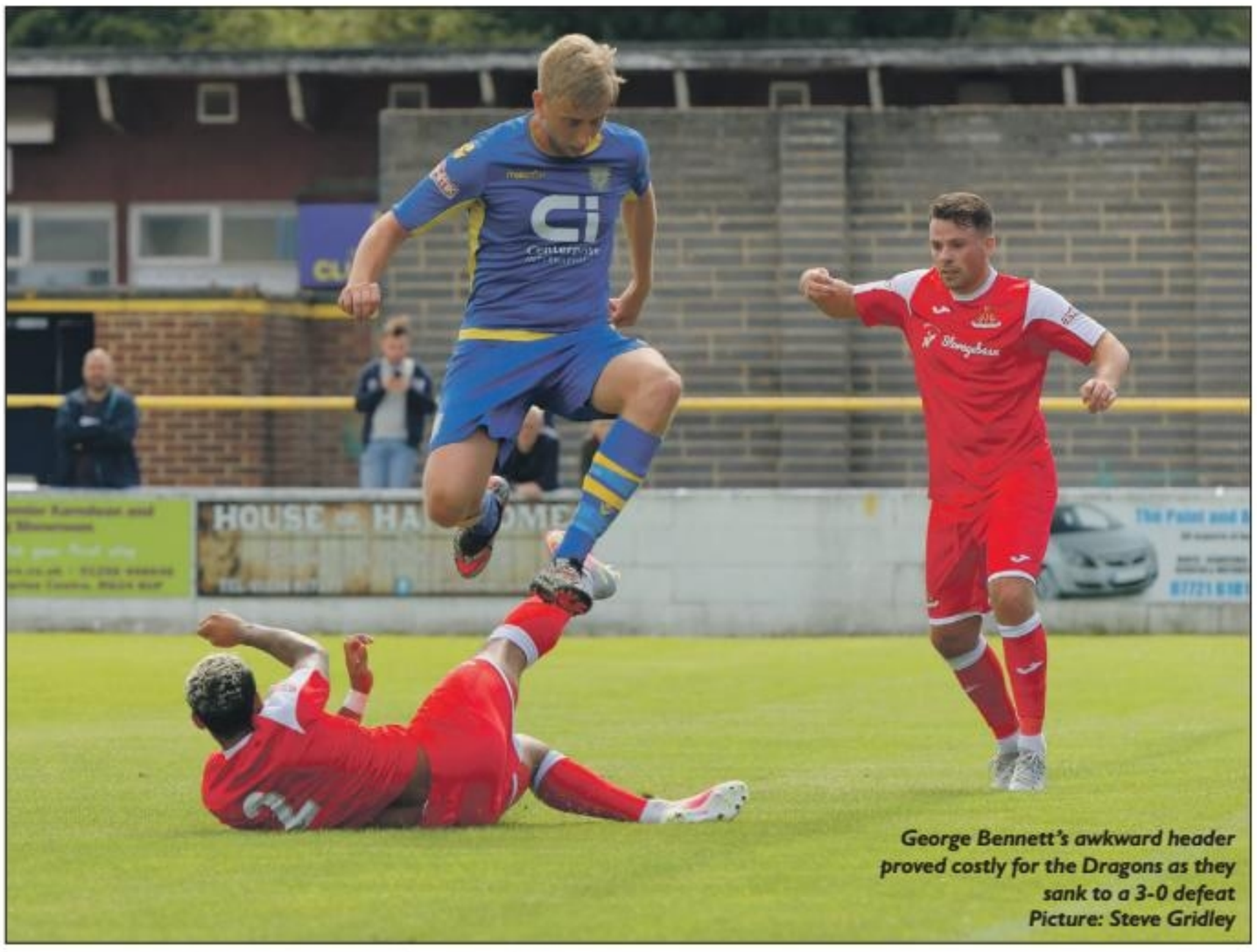
There was a further escape when Mathew Stevens got the ball stuck under his feet when faced with an open goal from a few yards and the ball was cleared.

Basingstoke were continuing to play good football but with no end product and were made to pay when George Bennett awkwardly headed the ball towards his own area for Rene Howe to pounce on 77 minutes.

He shifted to the right before chipping in to double Kettering's lead.

The Dragons mustered a chance through Wright who forced Paul White in the Kettering net to make a save, but it was 3-0 in stoppage time when substitute Ben Barker ran free on the left and shot across McAdden into the net.

Next up for Town in the league is Chesham at home on Saturday, but there will be some respite from league action with a derby against Hartley Wintney in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on September 2, also at the Camrose.



George Bennett's awkward header proved costly for the Dragons as they sank to a 3-0 defeat Picture: Steve Gridley

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